Dr. Wilhelm V. S b[illegible] 9. 10. 1946

To

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Höchst

through Com[illegible] Dachau

[illegible] for my release. The essential reasons to support this request are as follows:

[illegible] for eleven months in Tschecho-Slovacia from [illegible] end of March 1946. During this period my personali-[illegible] as [illegible] of the Skoda- and Brünner - [illegible] 1941) were fully investigated and I perso-[illegible] for many times by Gendarmerie, Police and [illegible] Authorities. End of March 1946 I was re-[illegible] that seems to me the best proof that [illegible] against me. As I was officially [illegible] of all investigations has [illegible] the national-committees and [illegible] (Narodni Vybory and Sokovy radas) have spoken

[illegible] forced to [illegible] Foreign workmen; no [illegible] Still further I managed [illegible] forced to [illegible] as far as technical [illegible] of the Skoda-[illegible] who were forced to work [illegible], showing that

[illegible] a good section [illegible] also them to [illegible] committees. Natural-[illegible] and their [illegible] day [illegible] as it was shown in the

[illegible] be [illegible] war [illegible] and [illegible] their lives, [illegible] number of [illegible] and [illegible] beginning

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hostages when K.H. Frank took revenge for assassinated Heydrich.

To give only one examples for many: in 1944 the wellknown Tschech Ing. Karel Staller was accused to have given information of an important secret weapon to the Allies which he had done without any doubt. As Ing. Karel Staller was one of the leading members of my staff K.H. Frank informed me that Staller and his family had to be executed. Even in this case for reason of humanity I interfered and succeeded to save his life and the lifes of the members of his family by warranting towards Frank that Staller was innocent.

Germans and Tschechs had throughout equal treatment in our concerns for instance they had the same wages and salaries and the same food supply, as far as food was procured by us.

I was patron of several tschech katholic churches; I have regularly visited the services. Demands for assistance by the churches or the priests found my ready support. On my suggestion clerical festivities based on tschech national customs, formerly stopped, were again celebrated.

I was a strong opponent against the closing of the tschech universities and tried my best to get them reopended. Not having been succesful in this endeavour I helped tschech students to continue their study on foreign ~~a ce~~ universities, and finally on my advice our concerns founded a central scientific institute for research and development thus giving tschech students and professors a chance to work on their fields.

Personally-against order of course- I made no difference between Tschechs and Germans. I went on visiting Tschech families and saw them as guests in my private house.

On May 7th 1945 on request of the Partisans in Sedlec (Behemia) I succeeded to make a stop of the Germans fighting them. Furthermore I achieved that the already ordered execution of the male population and the burning of Sedlec could be avoided. In the same way three other villages could be saved due to my interference (Chrastanitz, Bertitsch and Smilkau). I had in those actions the full assistance of Mrs. Voss, a borne American; both of us did not [illegible] danger, hate and revenge. Mrs. Voss in our successful endeavour to safeguard the lifes of thousands of Tschechs was heavily wounded by a German SS-soldier. On her way to an American hospital in Prague I got separated from her. As I was reported by the tschech police then she was killed by partisans.

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As mentioned before all these facts and many more have been fully investigated by tsechech authorities and have been found fully wittnessed and stated.

4. Also my attitude towards the German churches and my behaviour towards Jews can not be blamed. On the contrary there are many proofs when I gave assistance.
For instance I may mention:

a.) Dr. Fritz Meier, a jew, was my partner in my accounting office. Many times I protected him on attacks of the Party and Gestapo. Against my advice he decided to emigrate thus dissolving our partnership. Our relation still remained very friendly and I met him after his emigration quite a few times in Amsterdam and London. He always appreciated that, I had accepted his proposals for seperation without any discussion. And we verbaly intended a future cooperation.

b.) As other well known Jews --or their relatives- who on request will surely certify the way I helped them not regarding severe persecutions of the party and its organisations I may mention Prof. Dr. Julius Flecatheim, Berlin, the Industrialist Cahn, Berlin, the leading directors of the financial firm AFI, Berlin and Geh.Rat Max Weinmann, München.

5. More than once I was officially asked to secede from the church. I always refused to do so. To the contrary I was not only as mentioned above "Patron" of katholic tschech churches but also in full publicity of a german protestant church.

6. In 1933, having been not a member of the Nazi Party, I was dismissed as managing director of the accountants professional organisation. To avoid further difficulties I joined the "Stahlhelm" which was already then regarded as an organisation of opposition. When the Stahlhelm was dissolved, having been persecuted by the SA, I was formally attached to the SS; thus finding protection against the Party and the SA in my new position as member of the managing board of the Deutsche Revisions- und Treuhandgesellschaft. I never did any service in the SS. After 1942 I was not advanced in rank and 1943/44 dismissed. Reasons for my dismissal were:

a.) my permanent interventions in favor of Jews and [illegible]
b.) my relation to the church,
c.) my refusal to seperate from Mrs. Voss, as berne [illegible],
d.) several persecutions from the Gestapo concerning Mrs. Voss and myself on blame of espionage,
e.) our interventions in favor of the american diplomates and their Families, detained in Hauheim,

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